



CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report on behalf of the Management Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club Inc.

Wow, what a year! We finished our 2019-20 season by sadly missing out on our juniors' grand finals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This also meant we were unable to hold our AGM and issue our Annual Report in April as we normally would. These occurred last December.

I will leave it to our Vice Presidents of Seniors and Juniors to review our teams' performances this season - please see their individual reports.

Our Treasurer also acknowledges our sponsors and the donations received in the Treasurer's report, however I would like to give special thanks to our newest sponsor HY Accounting who helped us update our accounting system and migrate to the cloud. We could not have done this without the assistance of long-time seniors player and coach Brett Anforth, (Senior Manager with HY Accounting) and the assistance of our new Treasurer, Lisa Rosevear, who took over the role mid-season (2019-20).

The 2020-21 season saw Carlingford Baseball Club field seven senior teams across summer and winter, a further two teams in the spring and autumn Masters competitions as well as eleven junior teams during the summer season. We also delivered the Aussie T Ball program to develop two future junior teams.

The Aussie T Ball program was ably run by Andrew Borg and Jo Henderson, with the assistance of many parent volunteers and some of our junior players - particular thanks to Grady Roberts.

In the 2020-21 season we combined with Baulkham Hills to form our third joint venture team. The 12U team was formed in addition to last year's new 13U team and the 16U team in its 4th joint venture year in 2019-20. The joint venture concept has continued to provide a Division 1 pathway for our kids in age groups where both clubs did not have the depth to field a Division 1 side on their own. To prevent any misunderstanding, this concept exists for the sole purpose of maintaining a Division 1 pathway for our kids - Carlingford Baseball Club will never lose its independence.

Disappointingly our Seniors Presentation Night was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions but is back on the agenda see Peter's report below for details.

Our annual end-of-season gala day, featuring our infamous All-Stars vs Legends and Coaches vs Committee fixtures was a success after being cancelled last year due to COVID-19 (man I am looking forward to being able to stop using that word). This was a great day to catch up

with friends from yesteryear and current players. We even had visits from 3 players who were part of our first ever team in 1974. **Thanks to Adrian Bell and friends.**

Thanks to all of those who are continuing in positions on the Committee or are active with the club in some way - you certainly make everyone's job that little bit easier by sharing the load across many hands.

I would like to encourage all parents, as well as senior players, to come along to a committee meeting at some point during the season to see if there is something that you can do to help out our great club. Your presence will always be welcomed and your assistance will always be appreciated.

Thanks to the committees of Hills Junior Baseball Association, Sydney Metro Baseball League and Pacific Coast Baseball League. They do a thankless task volunteering hundreds of hours each year to run our competitions, so I would like to acknowledge the contribution of John Yard, Cheryl Barnier, Jeff Catt, Mark Gilchrist and Luis Almenara.

Thanks to all of our players, both young and old. In the words of our Club ex-President Denis Piccolo, "We do what we do so you can get the most out of our great sport, and perhaps one day fill our shoes."

Finally, thanks to the parents and carers who have chosen Carlo as the club for their kids and especially to those parents, carers and volunteers who help in some way, be it coach, manager, umpire, canteen, BBQ, diamond setup, base-coaching, training or ground work – the list goes on. Your help is what makes this club great and I encourage everyone to help make our club even better with your contributions next season.

Cheers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Highfield".

Mark Highfield
President.

SENIORS VP REPORT 2021

The Seniors side of the club continues to attract a high class of player, scorers and officials. We are seeing good progress with our older junior players continuing to play the game into seniors. A big thank you to Vanessa Calvert who put her hand up to ensure the pathway was open.

We are also making progress with making our uniforms look professional and hopefully attracting more senior player to the game.

The seniors 2020 / 2021 was another successful season with 1 team becoming champions and another 4 making the playoffs. As with the growth of the seniors over the last few years, the performance of all our teams seems to be achieving steady improvements year on year as well. In the 2020 Winter competition we had 3 teams competing:

- G2 Cubs managed by myself and managed to defeat Castle Hill in the Grand Final
- G2 Redsox managed by Borgy who finished 5th and just missed out on the finals
- G3 Black managed by Spider who finished a respectable 7th

In the 2020/21 Summer Competitions we also had 4 teams competing:

- G1 Managed by Tim Henderson finished 5th
- G2 Cubs managed by Steve Wilson which were defeated in the GF to finish runner up
- G3 Redsox managed by Borgy finished 5th
- G3 Coils managed by Brett Anforth finished 7th

In addition, we also entered teams in the PCBL Spring and Autumn Masters competitions. Our Spring Masters Team won the GF and our Autumn Masters Team were defeated in the GF to finish runner up.

Congratulations to all the Teams. Due to COVID 19 shut-downs we have not yet been able to hold a seniors presentation night. The presentation night for seasons 2019/2020 & 2021 will be held on Saturday 15th May 2021.

COVID has impacted the Winter 20 season significantly with a season of 8 games including finals played under strict COVID conditions.

Thank you for everyone's assistance throughout the seniors side of the club. We have had our wings clipped a bit in the last 12 months but we will fly again.

Good luck to all the Summer teams and stay safe.

Peter Handel
Seniors Vice President.

JUNIORS VP REPORT 2021

As my first season in the role of Vice President for Juniors and in the midst of uncertainty due to COVID-19 global pandemic, it was always going to be a very challenging season ahead. After finishing season 2019/2020 as we went into lockdown, we were really unsure how we were going to get a junior baseball season underway.

As restrictions eased and following our strict COVID plan, we were able to run our Try Baseball days, which we have been running for many years. This year they proved to be highly successful in recruiting many new boys and girls across all ages to our great club.

We started the season of 2020/21 with 11 teams (including 3 Joint Venture teams), which was an increase of 3 teams from the previous season. We had 100 registered players in our junior club (with 4 loan players).

Through our Aussie T-Ball program in prior years, we were able to form two new t-ball teams, in 7U & 8U with both teams having a fun season, learning new skills and creating new friendships. Coached and managed by parents, we look forward to seeing these kids progress through the ranks over the coming years.

A real highlight of our Try T-ball days was the ability for us as a club to form a 9U mod-ball team. As we approached the season, this age group had 2 eligible players. We were able to form an almost brand new team, introducing 7 new kids to the game. This team started the season playing t-ball and during the Christmas period transitioned into mod-ball. A real highlight to the season was the closing weeks, where the team played 5 games in the space of 3 weeks, earning them 2nd place in their division.

For the first time in a few years, we were able to field 2 teams not just in the same age group, but in the same division. Due to Hills Association league structures, we entered 2 balanced teams in the 11U Bergan League. These two teams were a mix of experienced players with a blend of new players to the game. All of these kids were in their first season of live ball, so this was always seen as a development season for both players and coaches. We hope that the benefits will be seen over the next few seasons. The season was a struggle for both teams as they adapted to a new style of play, but the real highlight was the "Carlo Derby", where the teams got to play against each other. It was a wonderful sight to see red vs black, which were all very close games. A lot of credit goes to Brett Elsley (Braves) & Jake Boileau/Ian Gleeson (Cubs) for coaching these teams while imparting their knowledge and wisdom of the game.

Our 12/3's squad was a blend of last years 11's and 12's with a few new faces thrown in and coached by the very experienced Jo Henderson. This team had a very successful season, very competitive in all games and finished 1st place at the end of the regular season. Unfortunately, a couple of hiccups in the semi and final games meant they missed out on

making the Grand Final, much to everyone's disappointment. A few valuable lessons learnt for their baseball careers ahead.

The 14's Peter Street League was coached by a new member to our coaching ranks, Frank Tallaridi. Frank brought together a team who had never played together and formed such a tight bond amongst the players, we as a club received many compliments about their sportsmanship and attitude towards the game. It was a pleasure to see this team play in the Carlingford jersey. Due to washouts throughout January, this team had to play midweek games during the last few weeks of the season and ended up scraping into the semi finals with a Tuesday night win under lights at Kellyville. This was a real credit to the team as they managed pitching limits and playing time. Unfortunately, they lost the semi final by 1 run, the game going down to the final pitch of the game.

Our 16/3's also made the semi finals, finishing the regular season in 4th place. We welcomed two loan players from Kellyville to form this squad as well as 3 new players to the game. Hopefully they will return next season to continue their improvement. We also wish the players who graduate from our junior club into seniors all the very best in their baseball journey.

We have been running our joint venture program successfully with Baulkham Hills Baseball Club for the past four seasons, and in season 20/21 we were able to field a 12's, 13's and 16's squad. This program was specifically designed to create opportunities for our elite players to compete in a division 1 competition. As a small club, we cannot always field as strong teams as other clubs, so we were fortunate enough to create a strong relationship with another club to further promote our local talent.

It is also a great opportunity for our local coaching talent to shine as we had two ex-Carlingford juniors coach JV squads in Craig Cusbert (13's) and Travis McDonald (16's). All 3 of our JV squads made the semi finals this year in what were strong competitions.

Our 16's unfortunately lost in the semi finals to a resurgent Castle Hill under lights on the Friday night. The 13's JV squad had to work their way through a finals draw before eventually meeting another joint venture squad (Castle Hill/Quakers Hill) in the Grand Final. In a strong performance, they had a strong win 5-2. Well done to Craig and the team. The 12's JV squad won straight through to the grand final with a strong win against Castle Hill in the semi finals. Unfortunately, Castle Hill proved too strong on Grand Final day, which resulted in a 3-1 loss. Well done to Les and the team for a great season.

Overall, from a possible 8 teams eligible, we had 6 teams play make it to the semi final series, which I think is a fantastic achievement. As a club, it has never been about winning at all costs, but giving our kids every opportunity to learn and grow in skill level through quality coaching. But it is also nice to see that good coaching can lead to success on the diamonds.

Our plan for future seasons is to grow our junior ranks and increase team numbers starting from our t-ball teams. It is not also a great chance for our kids to play, but also for the parents to become involved through coaching, managing, umpiring or scoring. We are very lucky to have some experienced coaches in our club, who love to mentor and assist parents who are willing to have a go. I am not sure what we would do without their support and knowledge. Our club relies on the generosity of its volunteers to keep our kids on the diamond.

Thank you to everyone in our club for making season 2020/2021 what it was. I had a really enjoyable season and I hope you did too. Look forward to seeing everyone again in season 2021/2022!

2019/2020 Junior Teams

	Coach	Manager
7U	Jason Ettridge	Natalie Gold
	Angus Mooney	
8U	Nick Clegg	Michael Rosevear
	Sarah Farrell	
9U	Lisa Rosevear	Rebecca Male
	Grady Roberts	
11 Braves	Brett Elsley	Felicity Bolwell
	John Bolwell	
11 Cubs	Jake Boilleau	Jaye Rust
	Ian Gleeson	
U12	Jo Henderson	Nicole Otten
	Luke Barr Lynch	
U14	Frank Tallaridi	Dale Arnott
U16	Michael McLean	Gavin Fang
Joint Venture teams with Baulkham Hills		
U12	Les Stockdale	Joel Brown
U13	Craig Cusbert	Kellie Parcel
U16	Travis McDonald	Bronwyn Mercer

2020/2021 Representative Honor Roll

Luke Bolwell Hills LL Minors 10/11's squad
Isaac Cusbert Hills LL Minors 10/11's squad
Ryan Shannahan LL Majors 12's squad
Jackson Campbell LL Majors 12's squad
Kobe Cusbert LL Intermediate 13's squad
Leo Turco Intermediate 13's squad
Jude Cusbert Senior 16's squad
Nathan Mackean Senior 16's squad

Steven Rosevear
Juniors Vice President

AUSSIE T BALL REPORT 2020-21

This year we have had 24 wonderful children and their families involved in Aussie T Ball.

A big thank you to Jo Henderson and Grady Roberts for their help in running the sessions.

Thanks also to Kim Balcombe for stocking and running the Canteen.

The development of the children had been fantastic as has the participation of the mums, dads and grandparents on the sidelines. We look forward to having these kids coming back next season in the U8's where we know they will smash it.

Andrew Borg
Aussie T Ball Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

It was wonderful to see how well our Club came together to manage the season within COVID restrictions and thanks to everyone's cooperation and understanding we were able to see the season through with some great results.

With our fabulous junior and senior coordinators, coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, parents, grandparents, guardians and volunteers who make our Club what it is – we really do appreciate every effort made. Well done to our players both young and old, whose smiling faces and love of the game make it all worthwhile.

Special thanks to our President Mark Highfield for bringing his exceptional coordination skills to what has been a more challenging season than most. Mark, your dedication, passion and commitment to the Club is second to none.

Through COVID restrictions the Committee conducted monthly meetings via Zoom, and it's true what they say, the camera adds 10 pounds... Thankfully we can now meet face to face again.

Looking forward to another fun and fantastic season in 2021/2022.

Go Carlo!

Rebecca Male
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

I am pleased to present the Financial Accounts for this past 2020/2021 Season.

Our finances have remained buoyant although and the club made a net profit.

The Term Deposit is only attracting an interest rate of 0.8%.

Canteen takings in the previous year were impacted by a number of washed-out rounds. Expenses involved with ground maintenance, both at Murray Farm and Muirfield are in line with expectations. Equipment purchases last year were lower than previously due to COVID-19.

We continue to renew the annual arrangement with Muirfield High School for the year round use of their ground for juniors overflow and seniors winter. Maintenance and upkeep of the mowers, line marking equipment and supplies are necessary preparations for our game. The assets and liabilities report only reveal the Clubs cash holdings. Non-disclosed assets comprise the ride on mower, ground marking and maintenance equipment, uniforms, Club Clothing, and team kits. Canteen includes utensils, general equipment and BBQ. Many items have a short life expectancy and are difficult to value to calculate a net asset position. There are no unpaid accounts.

The Club also wishes to thank Life Member Jack Henry for his donation and all our sponsors, Altis Consulting, HY Accounting, Steve's Fine Meats and Autodoc.

I commend the report to you.

Lisa Rosevear
Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Carlingford Baseball Club Incorporated For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
Trading Income		
Active Kids Voucher	1,100	7,300
Canteen Takings	6,878	3,755
Donations	-	250
Grants	1,000	-
Interest Received	112	268
Prize Money	-	400
Registrations - Junior	13,587	8,992
Registrations - Senior	13,780	17,939
Special Event - Presentation Night	-	3,790
Sponsorship	1,240	2,500
Uniform Sales & Merchandise Sales	2,133	1,575
Total Trading Income	39,830	46,769
Gross Profit		
	39,830	46,769
Operating Expenses		
Active Kids Vouchers	1,000	7,100
Affiliation Fees	4,937	2,751
Bank Charges * Online Payment Fees	40	89
Canteen Management & Honourarium	1,300	1,600
Canteen Purchases	4,356	4,242
Clothing & Uniforms - Shirt Embroidery	38	1,801
Clothing & Uniforms & Merchandise	5,439	2,175
Coaching Courses	-	130
Comms And Internet	712	100
Entertainment	209	-
Equipment Purchases	7,836	4,717
Forfeits & Penalties	-	130
Functions	507	3,926
Ground Expenses	4,169	4,832
Promotion	299	625
Sponsorship/Incentives	-	205
Subscriptions	1,561	1,588
Sundry Expenses/Printing etc.	-	9
Trophies/Badges	1,334	1,641
Tyro Fees	2	-
Umpiring Fees and Courses	2,239	3,785
Total Operating Expenses	35,978	41,446
Net Profit		
	3,852	5,323

Balance Sheet

Carlingford Baseball Club Incorporated

As at 31 March 2021

31 MAR 2021 31 MAR 2020

Assets

	31 MAR 2021	31 MAR 2020
Bank		
AUD PayPal	559	1,485
Cash at Bank	20,943	16,165
Term Deposit	16,000	16,000
Total Bank	37,502	33,650
Current Assets		
Balance At Paypal	453	453
Total Current Assets	453	453
Total Assets	37,955	34,103
Net Assets	37,955	34,103
Equity		
Accumulated Funds	34,103	28,780
Current Year Earnings	3,852	5,323
Total Equity	37,955	34,103

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.**

Scope

I have audited the accounts, being the Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet of the Carlingford Baseball Club for the year ended 31 March 2021. I have performed an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Club.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on this basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the accounts of the Club are properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial state of affairs of the Club as at 31 March 2021.



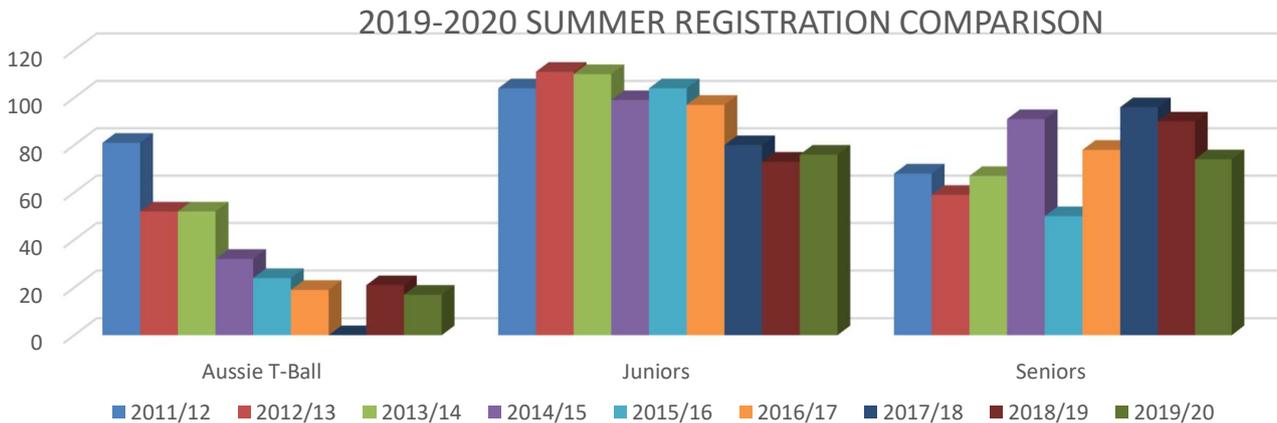
John Butt – FCPA

Dated at Sydney this 15th day of April 2021.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2019/2020

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB

Total Junior registrations for the **2019-2020 Summer Season** increased by three compared to last season. We had six teams playing for Carlingford and two combined joint-venture teams with Baulkham Hills. Senior registrations were down again for summer registrations. Comparative numbers for Carlingford over the last few seasons:



Registrations	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12
Aussie T Ball	17	21	0	19	24	32	52	52	81
Junior registrations	76	73	80	97	103	99	110	111	104
Junior teams	7.0	6.5	7	9	9	10	10	10	10
Senior registrations	99	154	178	78	82	91	67	59	68
Senior teams	9	13	14	10	9	7	5	5	6

*Senior numbers include SMBL Summer 2019/20 and PCBL Masters Teams only. 0.5 represents our share in a joint-venture team.

The number of senior players is based on Summer 2019/20, PCBL Masters and 2 Winter 2019 teams. Some players are registered in multiple competitions. The number of senior teams include 5 summer, 1 spring masters, 1 autumn masters and 2 winter.

The breakdown by age group (previous year in brackets) is:

Age Group	Players	Females	Teams
Aussie T Ball	17 (21)	5 (5)	
Under 7	1(11)	0(0)	0(1)
Under 8	12(0)	1(0)	1(0)
Under 9	12(21)	0(3)	1(2)
Under 11	10(12)	1(0)	1(1)
Under 12	11(0)	2(0)	1(0)
Under 13	6(0)	0(3)	0.5(0)
Under 14	16(0)	3(0)	1.5(0.5)
Under 16	8(29)	0(4)	1(2.0)
Total Juniors	76(73)	7(7)	7.0(6.5)

The total registrations for the Junior Club has held steady for the first time in four seasons. Aussie T-Ball continues to provide a positive entry pathway, for our youngest members to develop an appreciation for the game and a grounding in core skills, prior to entry into competitive formats.

Aussie T-Ball and the U7 age group are critical in building a solid foundation for the club over the coming years. The challenge is to encourage more young players to join the club and for the younger age groups to retain as many players as possible from the previous year.

THE HILLS DISTRICT

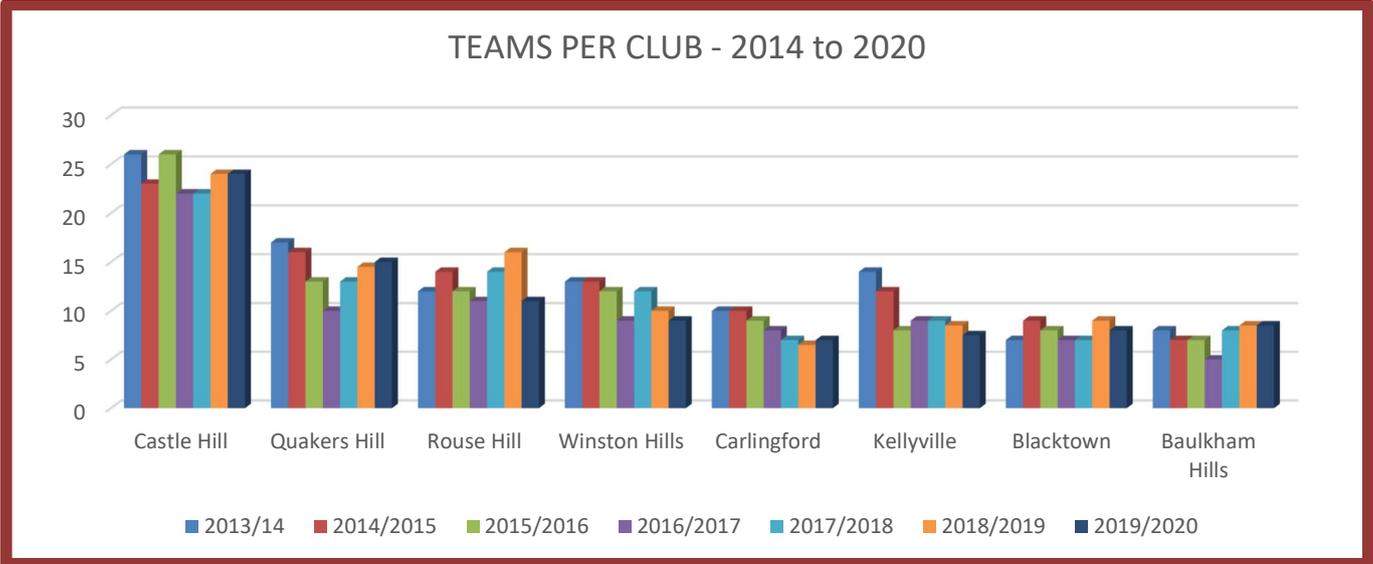
Across the Hills Association, the total number of teams decreased by eight (8) compared to last year, which is more in alignment with the two prior seasons. The number of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous seasons, is as follows:

Age Group	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10	08/09
7U	18	26	22	26	24	25	32	24	26	26	35	21
8U	12	7	11	9	9	13	13	13	8	-	-	-
9U	13	19	14	13	16	13	17	14	21	32	33	26
10U	13	6	9	8	6	8	0	4	7	-	-	-
12U	9	16			14	21	23	21	24	29	21	24
13U	12	8	19	18	6							
14U	11	12		7	14	22	23	22	24	21	22	17
U15		0	16	8								
16U	17	19	15	16	22	22	21	18	16	17	18	14
Total	105	113	106	105	111	124	129	116	126	125	129	102

By Club, the number of teams making up the competition breaks down as follows (last season's totals in brackets). The clubs are ranked in order of size based on total number of teams fielded. NOTE: Carlingford remains in eighth place below Baulkham Hills, Kellyville and Blacktown. Castle Hill remains the strongest club and Quakers Hill have wrestled the number two spot from Rouse Hill, who, significantly, have dropped 5 teams from the previous season.

Club	7U*	8U	9U	10U	12U	13U	14U	16U	Total
Castle Hill	6	3	4	3	1	2	3	2	24 (24)
Quakers Hill	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	15 (14.5)
Rouse Hill	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	11 (16)
Winston Hills	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	9 (10)
Baulkham Hills	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	1.5	1.5	8.5 (8.5)
Blacktown	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	8 (9)
Kellyville	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1.5	7.5 (8.5)
Carlingford		1	1	1	1	0.5	1.5	1	7 (6.5)
Oakville	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	6 (5)
Schofields	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4 (5)
Kings Langley	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3 (2)
Hawkesbury	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2 (4)
Total	18 (26)	12 (7)	13 (19)	13 (6)	9 (16)	12 (8)	11 (12)	17 (19)	105 (113)

*Note: In 2019/20 U/8 became 7U, U/9 became 8U, U/10 became 9U, U/11 became 10U, 17s became 16s. The actual ages for each are still the same, it's just now described as Under 7 as at the beginning of the year instead of as at Dec 31, as it was previously.



Congratulations to all the teams that competed this year.

**Stuart Bysouth
Registrar**

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT 2021

It is with great pleasure that I provide this report on the active umpires within Carlingford Baseball Club for the Summer season of 2020/2021.

Games officiated.

During the season, there was a total of 73 junior home games for Carlingford. These games were spread over two grounds with 67 games played at Murray Farm and 6 games played at Muirfield High School. The following umpires contributed by officiating on these games.

Name	Games
Denis Piccolo	10
Andrew Borg	8
Mark Highfield	7
Duncan Boileau	6
Sam Fang	6
Jan Gatti	6
Jen Barclay	5
Nigel Henderson	5
Jude Cusbert	4
Jackson Highfield	4
Michael McLean	3
Steve Rosevear	3
Josh Schimanski	3
Brett Anforth	1
Jake Bryon	1
Tom Gosper	1
Total	73

It is pleasing to see an increase in the number of umpires within the Carlingford Umpire Crew, along with their improving skillsets.

Umpire Fees

All umpires that do not have kids playing for the club and are not junior coaches will attract an "umpire appearance fee". Within this group, 5 umpires accounted for almost half of the 73 games - with total fees of over \$900. As in previous years, those 5 umpires have donated their fees back to the club, which is very gratifying to see. Clearly, their umpiring is all about the kids and the club.

New Umpires

We have added 4 new umpires to the Crew Roster. These are Jan Gatti, Jen Barclay, Jackson Highfield and Jude Cusbert.

Both Jan and Jen started out as “player’s mums” where each expressed an interest in umpiring. Although new to the club, Jan has been umpiring for 4 seasons (2 x Quakers Hill, 1 x Kellyville and now Carlingford). She has also undertaken some base umpiring in some senior games, to gain further experience. This will enhance her umpiring at a junior level, which will further benefit the club.

Jen started the season with umpiring some t-ball games. She then moved out of her comfort zone and umpired a couple of games from behind the pitcher. After drawing a big breath, to calm her nerves, she finished the season by “putting on the gear” and umpiring behind the catcher. She continues to go from strength to strength and is a valued addition to the crew.

Jude and Jackson are players from the 16/1 Joint Venture Team, with them both “Coming to the Dark Side” this season. It will certainly have them viewing their game very differently, due to their added knowledge from umpiring. Sam Fang (16/3) has umpired for a couple of seasons now and I am sure that he also sees benefits from an umpiring background, when he is playing. It is great to see these young gentlemen “giving back” to the club in this way.

Current Umpire Development

All the umpire development this season has comprised of ‘one on one’ mentoring at a game. This gives the opportunity for the newer umpire to learn in game situations where the “rubber hits the road”. This is better than trying to imagine how different scenarios would be “played out”. It is gratifying to watch these newer umpires develop as they gain a better understanding of the game when I am able to provide feedback, suggest physical adjustments and offering general guidance or rule knowledge. It also gives them with an added level of comfort by knowing that they are not “out there, all alone” and there is someone there to assist, if they find themselves in a sticky situation.

Future Umpire Development

With the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, I plan to hold an umpire training session at Murray Farm. That would probably be about 2-3 weeks before the commencement of next season. The session often goes for about 2½-3 hours. I believe those that would benefit from the session would be a range of people, such as anyone that has expressed an interest in becoming an umpire or any current umpires that would like a rules refresh. Others that might appreciate this training session could be coaches wanting to strengthen their rule knowledge, as well as dispelling any rule myths that they may know. Interested parents that would like to “connect with their kids that play”, could also benefit from the session.

In closing, I have found the 2020/2021 season extremely enjoyable, despite the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19. A personal highlight for me was to umpire the Legends vs All Stars game, on the 28th of March. This carnival provides the opportunity for players from Carlingford’s rich history, to come together again and renew old friendships. It is a great testament to this family focused club, when these players come back year after year.

I keenly look forward to my ongoing involvement with Carlingford Baseball.

Yours faithfully,



Duncan Boileau
Umpire Development Officer

LIFE MEMBERS

Col Handel (1975)
Dave Harvey (1980)
Jack Henry (1982)
John Gibbons (1983)
Alan Hunt (1984)
Elaine Haddan (1984)
Brian Cashmore* (1988)
Tom Cusbert (1989)
Bill Webster (1991)
Wendy Gold (1991)
Bob Bruce (1992)
Geoff Barling* (1992)
David Downey (1993)
Gail Cashmore
Matthew Cashmore
Ian Cummerford
Craig Cusbert
Gary Essenstam*
Ed McCue

Mark Highfield (2000)
John Harris
Carol Harris
Greg Klein*
Dianne Starling
Garry Butler (2005)
Duncan Coles (2008)
David Aiston* (2009)
Stephen Gosper (2011)
Robyn Gosper (2011)
Andrew Borg (2012)
Mark Power (2016)
Robert Handel (2017)
Nicole Lawson (2018)
Kerri O'Shannassy (2020)

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Dundas